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This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. No. 97-1128, -1280, -1453, 1998 U.S. App. LEXIS 21409, at *30 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998). Therefore, your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

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